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1. The reply filed on June 25, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant's amendment to the claims has resulted in claims dependent upon canceled claims: see claim 9 which depends from now-canceled claim 3, and claim 19 which depends from now-canceled claim 2, for example. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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